

## Pollinator Plants for a Part Shade Garden



### ***Amsonia tabernaemontana* (Eastern Bluestar)**



Amsonia displays clusters of blue star shaped flowers that bloom in the spring on 2 to 3' plants. This plant is very adaptable and easy to grow, thrives in all soils and is drought tolerant once established. Ruby-throated hummingbirds and various bees, moths, and butterflies will thank you for adding Bluestar to your plantings. Nectar plant.



### ***Carex appalachia* (Appalachian Sedge)**



This 12" tall sedge is an outstanding choice for the shady pollinator garden. The leaves dramatically arch and weep onto the ground. In spring, a few wispy greenish flowers float above the foliage, attracting bees and other insects with their nectar. It also provides seeds for birds and turtles, is a host plant for Skipper and Satyr caterpillars, and is deer resistant. Appalachian sedge grows happily in the shade in all but the wettest soils.



### ***Geranium maculatum* (Wild Geranium)**



Wild Geranium is one species that you just shouldn't pass up. It has lovely dissected leaves, beautiful pinkish-purple flowers, and readily spreads, forming stunning patches that our native pollinators can't resist. Wild Geranium has a long bloom period, does well in sun or shade and makes an outstanding native ground-cover. This species is pest resistant and usually not palatable to deer.



### ***Pycnanthemum muticum* (Mountain Mint)**



Mountain Mints are one of the top ten on any Pollinator plant list. This upright branched 2 to 3' perennial has dense clusters of tiny white to lavender flowers in summer. After the long bloom period, the flower heads dry to an eye-catching dark gray, making it an attractive plant throughout the winter. Mountain mint is easy to grow in part shade to part sun and most soils. The dense head-like flowers make this plant a pollinator paradise. With its long blooming period, it attracts a myriad of bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators.



### ***Uvularia grandiflora* (Bellwort)**



The unusual dangling yellow flowers and twisted bright green leaves of Bellwort make this an eye-catching early spring ephemeral. It will spread gently, creating a mass planting look in a relatively short amount of time. Bellwort grows 1 1/2' - 2' tall and wide in average, well-drained soil in partial to full shade. Many types of bees feed from the nectar and collect pollen from the flowers which bloom April to May.

**Stop in the greenhouse to look at our handmade pollinator puddles which will provide a necessary water source for your pollinators to drink from.**

N - Native



- Deer Resistant



- Pollinator Friendly



- Rabbit Resistant



- Larval Host Plant